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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR BELARUS MACHINERY

REF: STATE 83992, MOSCOW 7385

1. IN REPLY TO THE SOVIET APPROACH OF MARCH 31 (REFTEL),
SOV CALLED TISHCHENKO OF THE SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION
MAY 11 AND SAID: A) WE COULD NOT AGREE TO A TEMPORARY
TRANSFER OF AMTORG PERSONNEL TO BELARUS MACHINERY; B) WE
WOULD NEED A FORMAL REQUEST BY LETTER FROM THE TRADE
REPRESENTATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SLOTS; C) THE
LETTER SHOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THE
ANTICIPATED FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW PERSONNEL AND DESCRIBE WHY
THEY ARE NEEDED IN THE LIGHT OF BELARUS MACHINERY'S CURRENT
LEVEL OF BUSINESS.

2. WE TOLD TISHCHENKO THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THE ANNUAL
REVIEW OF BELARUS' OPERATIONS THAT WAS ENVISAGED IN OUR
EXCHANGES OF LETTERS OF MARCH 1977. WE SAID THAT THE
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AMOUNT OF BUSINESS BELARUS IS DOING WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT
FACTOR IN OUR DECISION ON THEIR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
PERSONNEL. VANCE

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